

Our Lady of Humility Parish



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September 25, 2011 • Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Follow Me!



- "When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." *Mt 21:32*

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Parish Mission Statement

As a branch of the one vine, as the family of our Lord Jesus, it is our mission to follow the way of the Lord, by extending welcome, embracing in healing love, and sharing the good news of the Gospel.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 26th

8:00AM +Suzanne M. Podolski

Tuesday, September 27th

8:00AM Special Intention For:
Darlyne Whyte

Wednesday, September 28th

8:00AM Communion Service

Thursday, September 29th

8:00AM Salapare, Perez, and
Thoele Families

Friday, September 30th

8:00AM Special Intention For:
Darlyne Whyte

Saturday, October 1st

8:00AM A Greater Respect For
All Human Life

5:00PM +Shari Gagliardo

Twenty-Seventh Sunday

In Ordinary Time, October 2nd

7:00AM +Lucille Dutton

9:00AM Special Intention For:
Chris Morales
+Audrey Wiedner
+Corky Lieding
Special Intention For:
Darlyne Whyte
+Purgatorial of OLH

11:00AM +Billy Harvey
Thanksgiving For:
Janet Marilyn Kaczala
People of Our Lady
of Humility

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“Which of the two did his father’s will?” They answered, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.” — Mt 21:31

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Saturday, October 1st, and Sunday, October 2nd

Saturday Confessions: 3:30-4:30PM Fr. T. Hoffman

Presider:

5:00PM	Fr. T. Hoffman	Deacon Mike
7:00AM	Fr. V. Laini	Deacon Bob
9:00AM	Fr. T. Hoffman	Deacon Jim
11:00AM	Fr. V. Laini	Deacon Mike

Eucharist Ministers:

5:00PM	C) S. Frank	D) N. Collins
	B. Perron, V. Perron, C. Splitt, C. Fields	
7:00AM	C) T. Fenney	
	D. Blain, V. Blain, D. Robinson	
9:00AM	C) A. Norrish	D) M. Franco
	C. LaFayette, P. LaFayette, A. Range, L. Nurczyk, R. Howard	
11:00AM	C) R. Bukantis	D) J. Jones
	A. Robinson, J. Robinson, B. McGowan, P. McGowan, D. Jurista	

Lectors:

5:00PM	(1) S. Huff	(2) M. Bruno
7:00AM	(1) M. Merlock	
9:00AM	(1) W. Webber	(2) B. Dermody
11:00AM	(1) E. Wiles	(2) D. Grampovnik

Altar Servers:

5:00PM	M. Huff, B. Reid
7:00AM	C. Seibert, S. Klasinski
9:00AM	S. McKelvy, Z. McKelvy
11:00AM	E. Luppino, N. Minnoch

LWC Leaders: 9:00AM M. Franco; 11:00AM L. Bugos-Noble

M.W. Med. Center: J. Bockrath

Father Tom's Tidbits

The Seventh and Eighth Graders of our School will be hosting the 5PM Mass on Saturday, October 1st. The Seventh and Eighth Graders will be greeters, ushers, gift bearers, and lectors. The first Sunday in October is Respect Life Sunday. There will be a Holy Hour that evening at 7PM.

The Parish will have its' annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 7th. All parishioners are invited as guests of the Parish. This is one way to thank the parishioners for their presence and support.

The School will be sponsoring a Casino Night on Saturday, October 22nd, in the Parish Center. Tickets can be purchased at the School Office, the Rectory Office, or after all Sunday Masses at the scrip table.

Beginning now, the number of

intentions for the 9AM and the 11AM Masses on Sunday will be limited to four intentions. This does not include the intention for the People of the Parish and the Purgatorial Society.

As you are well aware, there will be a new translation of the Mass beginning the First Sunday of Advent. Articles are appearing in the bulletin making you aware of the changes. At first, it will seem awkward and challenging, but eventually these new responses/ translations will be very familiar to you.

The return of Father Charles has been delayed due to his visa being expired. The Archdiocese as well as the seminary is trying to assist Father Charles in getting his visa renewed. Please pray that he will receive his visa.



There will be a second collection the weekend of October 22nd/23rd. It is World Mission Sunday. Your donations will be sent to the Vatican, and Pope Benedict will use these funds to assist dioceses throughout the world in financial problems, as well as parts of the world suffering from a drought, a natural disaster, or poverty.

Please pray for the unemployed, and those people facing financial difficulties.



Right To Life Sunday

October 2nd is Respect Life Sunday, when the Church celebrates the sanctity and beauty of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Our Church urgently calls all to *"a general mobilization of consciences, and a united ethical effort to create a great campaign in support of life."*

Join us for a Holy Hour from 7PM until 8PM in Church for a Pro-Life Prayer Service, a Rosary for the intention of ending abortion, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction. Let us join together to pray and help to build a culture of life.

"God our loving Father, grant wisdom to those who govern us, compassion and courage to those who work to defend human life, and safety and care to every human being. For You alone Who formed us in our mother's womb, and Who call us home to heaven, are our God forever and ever."
—Amen.

Respect Life Rosary

Next Saturday, October 1st, at 8AM in the Church, and every first Saturday of every month, join us for Mass at 8AM and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. This Rosary meditation recalls the sorrows of the Blessed Mother who endured in compassion the suffering and death of her Divine Son. The Rosary is recited for the intentions of the unborn, and in reparation for the sin of abortion. Please join us next Saturday, October 1st.



The History of The Mass

A New Adult Education opportunity on Tuesday mornings will begin again this Fall, beginning October 4th through December 20th. Diana Jurista, will lead a course of study on the History of the Mass, using materials developed by Fr. John Baldovin of Boston College. Each session will meet from 9:15AM-10:30AM in the Hayes Community Room.



Casino Night Saturday, October 22nd 6:30PM–Midnight!

Come for a night out to benefit the Our Lady of Humility students! All proceeds are used to leverage the cost of tuition!

Enjoy Live Music, Roulette, Blackjack, and Texas Hold 'em!

Tickets are \$25.00 through September, or \$30.00 if purchased in October. Tickets are available through the School Office, or by calling (847) 366-5481. Thanks and hope to see you there!

Thank You From Boy Scouts of Troop 66



The Boy Scouts of Troop 66 would like to thank the Parish for their continued support of our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. We hope you enjoyed the meal as much as we enjoyed serving it. We can't do it without you. Thanks again for all of your support! Hope to see you again next year!!!



Mark Your Calendars Now!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 7th, from 5:30PM until 9PM in our Parish Center. All parishioners are welcome, and it's ALL FREE! Plan on joining us for a fun-filled evening!

Religious Education News



"I told my students that our classroom will always be a safe space." This was the hopeful, emphatic statement of Tammy Lopez, our veteran Confirmation Catechist after our first day of Religious Education classes. Tammy hit the nail on the hammer: Religious Education is not only the transmission of facts about a refuge of faith, and a model of God's constancy and mercy in our lives. Many of our students are the first in the families to attend schools in the United States; many of them speak one language at home and another in school; many of our families wrestle with economic uncertainties and other bumps in the road. But when they arrive at the Religious Education classes, none of these other differences matter. They are all God's children, and they are all valued and special. As God calls them each by name, so do we. And creating those *"safe spaces"* is our mission and our ministry as catechists.

As we have been telling you, today our Sunday classes will begin attending the 9AM and 11AM Masses on a rotating basis. This week, 7th Graders are at the 9AM Mass, and 5th and 6th Graders are at the 11AM Mass. Since all our 7th Graders attended Mass today, next Sunday there will not be a full class of students at the 9AM Mass, but the 2nd Graders and the combined 3rd/4th Grade Post-Sacramental Class will attend the 11AM Mass. Their pews will be marked; please feel free to go up and say hello to *"Classes at Masses."*

INTERESTED ADULTS PLEASE NOTE: ADULT EDUCATION for Religious Education Parents and other adult learners has already begun in English (10:15-11:30AM in the Hayes Room for Bible Study with Nancy Rivera), and starts today and tomorrow (September 25th and 26th) in Spanish, during Religious Education time. Cristina Rodriguez is our Sunday Spanish Language Catechist, and Minnie Rakher is our Monday. Our Spanish Language Parent Education will take place in the Holy Child Center, the small house to the north of the school building. Please call the Religious Education Office at (847) 746-3744 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION CONTINUES THROUGH THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, AS SPACE ALLOWS. Please come to the Religious Education Office this Sunday from 9AM-1PM, or this Monday from 4PM-9PM to inquire about open classes, or call the Religious Education Office at (847) 746-3744 for more information.



Nursery Care Available Sunday Mornings

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN: On those Sundays when Religious Education is in session, **TOM HAWLEY**, one of our most experienced, beloved volunteers, and his teenage assistants will care for and entertain young children in our Nursery, which meets during the 9AM and 11AM Masses in the early childhood classroom just inside Door #3 of the School. Parents who attend our Adult Education Programs can also use the Nursery until 12 Noon as well.

"A Traditional Fireside Christmas"

The Fireside Theater Trip to see *"A Traditional Fireside Christmas"* on Saturday, October 29th, still has a few seats available. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Church vestibule for more information, and sign-up.

If you have already signed up, please put your payment in an envelope labeled **Fireside Christmas**, and place in the Sunday collection, drop off at the Church Rectory during normal business hours, or mail. **Payments are due by this Monday, September 26th, 2011.**

Week At A Glance

Sunday, September 25th

8:45AM-12PM—Child Care (Pre-School Room)
10:15AM-12 Noon—R.E. Classes (AS, TL, Lib, Mob, TC)

Monday, September 26th

3:30-5:30PM—Volleyball Practice (PC)
6-6:30PM—R.E. Open Gym (PC)
6:30-7:45PM—R.E. Classes (AS, TL, Lib, Mob)
6:30-7PM—Christ First Open Gym (PC)
7-9PM—Christ First (PC, TC)
7:15-9:30PM—RCIA Session (HCR)

Tuesday, September 27th

9:30-11AM—Small Faith Group (HCR)
4:30-9PM—Volleyball Practice (PC)
6:30-7:30PM—Brownies, Daisies, Junior Girl Scouts (H)
7-9PM—Military Support Group Meeting (HCR)

Wednesday, September 28th

6:30-8PM—English As A Second Language Class (HCC)
7-8:30PM—Joyful Hearts Choir Practice (C)

Thursday, September 29th

2-6PM—Eucharistic Adoration (C)

6-8:30PM—Boy Scouts (H)
7-8:30PM—Chorus of Faith Choir Practice (C)

Friday, September 30th

6-8:30PM—7th and 8th Grade Dance (PC, SL)

Saturday, October 1st

8:30AM—Rosary for Respect Life (C)
10:30AM-12:30PM—Football—Jr. Varsity (Football Field)
12 Noon-4PM—Homecoming (Football Field)
4-11PM—Bingo (H)
5-6PM—Parish Family Mass at the 5PM Mass (Gr. 7 & 8 Host) (C)

Sunday, October 2nd

8:45AM-12 Noon—Child Care (Pre-School Room)
10:15AM-12 Noon—R.E. Classes (AS, TL, Lib, Mob, TC)
11AM-12 Noon—Youth Ministers Commissioning at the 11AM Mass (C)
12:15PM—Baptisms (C)
12:30-2PM—Peer Ministers Meeting Christ First (TC)
7-8PM—Respect Life Holy Hour (C)

Our Lady of Humility Food Pantry...



Is in need of **Large Boxes of Cereal, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Chicken and Dumplings, Canned Fruit, Jelly, Canned Green Beans (assorted Vegetables), and Jell-O.**

For Thanksgiving, the Food Pantry is in need of: **Stuffing, Pumpkin Pie Mix, Boxed Pie Crust, Cranberry Sauce, Jell-O, Fruit Cocktail, and Canned Yams.**

Non-perishable food can be dropped off at the Rectory Monday—Friday 9AM-3:30PM, or brought to the northwest vestibule of the Church on Saturdays or Sundays before Mass. *Again, thank you for the continued generosity.*

Readings For The Week of September 25, 2011

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
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Bingo Workers' Schedule — October 1, 2011

Team Three: Cindy Wagner, Captain, Rita Feltner, Jackie Henderson, Anita Learsch, Robert Mosley, Stacey Tindal
Kitchen Team Three: Brenda Hoyte, Robin Hoyte, Kiana Sawyer Ash
Chili Maker: Amedina Alfaro
Callers: Roman Albarran, Yvette Albarran

Weekly Parish Contributions For 9/11/11

Weekly Offering: \$9, 551.47 Children's Collection: \$12.35

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Life of Christ Retreat
By Michael Hugo
Saturday, October 22, 2011
8:30AM until 12 Noon
St. Raphael the Archangel
Catholic Church

Market Day

Thursday, October 6th, is the next Market Day. Please pick up a flyer in the Church vestibule or at the School Office, fill it out, and bring it to the School. Thank you for your support.



First Annual Lynn M. Vogelsang-Coomans Memorial Golf Outing Bristol Oaks County Club, Sunday, October 9th

Help us honor Lynn and support her favorite charity by joining us for a fun day of golf and fellowship. Before Lynn became ill, she had planned to start an annual golf outing benefiting **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)**. Her goal was to help fight the disease that has so impacted her family. Ken and the girls would like to finish what she started, so join us, and let's make it a HUGE success! All proceeds will go to JDRF in honor of Lynn.

Event Details: When: Sunday, October 9th; Where: Bristol Oaks County Club; Format: 18 Hole, 4-Person Scramble; 9:30AM – Registration; 10:30AM – Shotgun Start; \$80 (golf, cart, lunch, and dinner); \$25 (dinner only). To register, please e-mail: lynnmcoomansmemorial@gmail.com for a registration form, or if you have any questions, please call (262) 515-2302.



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September 25, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate Seminary Sunday in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago. On this occasion, we honor the ministry of the many priests who serve you so faithfully each day, as well as those who are preparing to serve you with that same charity in the future.

In the Archdiocese of Chicago, Mundelein Seminary is a place where vocations to the diocesan priesthood are discerned and strengthened. Each year, as I ordain the graduates of Mundelein Seminary to the priesthood of Jesus Christ, I do so with confidence that they have been formed for fidelity and service and are well educated in the Catholic faith. The best example of the work of the seminary is reflected in the quiet and compassionate ministry of your pastors and parish priests as they live out their ordination commitment each day to bring Christ to you as they preach, teach and administer the Sacraments. I thank them for their good example and I thank you for your prayers and financial contributions, which provide our future priests with the education and environment they need to "prepare well" to serve God's faithful. I ask you to pray for those whom God is now calling to the ordained priesthood from among our families and friends. Talk to young men you know whom you think might be good priests; encourage them to explore the possibility of priesthood.

I ask you to especially remember your bishops, your parish priests and our seminarians each day in prayer. You and your intentions are in ours. May God bless you and those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Grief Support Group

The Bereavement Committee of Santa Maria del Popolo in Mundelein is offering a nine-week support session to all adults who have lost a loved one, and are struggling with grief and loss. If you and/or anyone else you know are interested, please call Stephanie at (847) 949-8597 or Maura at (847) 566-0945 for more information and/or to sign-up. All facilitators are Archdiocesan trained in this much needed and important Christian ministry. The first meeting is Wednesday, October 5th, at 7:30PM.

Changes to the Roman Missal – Liturgy Notes

This week, I'd like to introduce you to our new "Penitential Act" – no longer called "Penitential Rite" as we are expected to **act** — take active participation in this prayer of penitence and contrition. The commentary that follows the prayer, in present and new texts, is taken directly from the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org. —Rita Byrd
Penitential Act, Form A



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Confiteor

PRESENT TEXT:

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

NEW TEXT:

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have **greatly sinned**
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Commentary

The Penitential Act immediately follows the greeting dialogue. Important changes occur in the first form of the Penitential Act, which is the commonly used formula called the Confiteor. "Confiteor" is Latin for "I confess," and comes from the first line of the prayer.

Most of this text remains the same as the version we presently use. However, there are two key modifications. The first replaces our current wording of "I have sinned through my own fault" with "I have greatly sinned." The new text reflects the Latin wording by incorporating the adverb "nimis," which means "very much."

The second set of changes occurs about halfway through the Confiteor, and is more significant. The words removed from the first section ("through my own fault") are being returned to their proper place here, but with the expression's full content. "Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault" is a direct translation of the Latin phrase "mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa." As a well-known line from the old Latin Mass, "mea culpa" has even become a familiar part of our secular parlance, by which one admits having made a mistake.

Some might wonder, why this seemingly heavier emphasis on sin in the revised English Confiteor? Looking beyond simple fidelity to the Latin, language that calls to mind our fallen human nature is actually very important in the Sacred Liturgy. It is good to acknowledge our sinfulness at particular times, just as we should do at sacramental Confession. Unlike Reconciliation, we are not sacramentally absolved of our sins at this point during the Holy Mass. Nevertheless, it is an appropriate way to "prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries," as the Priest says at the beginning of the Penitential Act. We must strive to approach the altar of God with humble dispositions, and should receive the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ free from grave sin, and in a worthy fashion, as St. Paul exhorts us in 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.

During the Confiteor, the faithful should "**strike their breast**" while saying, "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." This prescribed "striking" is a symbolic tapping of the chest with a clenched fist over one's heart, signifying remorse. This is part of the beauty of our Catholic liturgy – sacramental words are complemented by sacramental actions. This action also recalls the penitent tax collector in Luke, chapter 18, who "beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'"

The Confiteor ends with the individual asking for the prayers of the rest of the assembly and the Saints, led by the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose sinlessness and humility are the perfect model for our own Christian lives.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30PM

Sacrament of Marriage:

An appointment, at least 4 months in advance (Diocesan Policy), is made with the Pastor prior to setting a date. Catholic persons will have to obtain new Certificates of Baptism.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are scheduled the 1st Sunday of every month. Attendance is required at a Preparation Session. Please call the Parish Secretary for arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is in the hospital or sick at home, and wishes to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Phone the Rectory for home communion calls.

Welcome New Parishioners:

We would like you to become a parishioner. Registration packets are available at each Church door.

The Rosary:

Prayed on Sunday after the 7AM Mass.

Handicap Accessibility:

There is an access ramp on the west, and a lift on the east side of Church. Handicap parking is available.

Quinceaneras:

Call the Rectory 9 months prior to setting a date.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursdays 2-6PM.

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Deadline for all Bulletin submissions is 12 Noon on Fridays 10 days before you want the Article to appear. (For example: Friday, April 1st, for Sunday, April 10th)

Sunday Masses: 5:00PM Saturday, 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00AM Sunday

Weekday Masses: 8:00AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Friday: 8:45AM (During School Year) 8:00AM during Summer

Communion Service: Wednesday 8:00AM

All Are Welcome!

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Please Remember In Your Prayers

Keith Knowles, Dianne Krueger, Lisa D., Diana D. Janet Jones, Terri Soupkup, Darlyne Whyte, Shauna Whiteside, Fran Gamberini Family, Bill Last, Bill Schaefer, Edward Stoffel, Nelissa Pikel, Marion Heiny, Patt Heiny, Bill Leicht, Jim Yonke, Dennis Gonka, Garrett Goodwin, Frank Jaros, Darlene Abernathy, Beverly Gyger, Mary and Joe Lokay, Ron Mitten, Vince Bisbee, Cheryl Mitten, Tyler Lundy, Catherine Gourley, Margaret, Marie Bruno, Ashley Vargas, Kevin Junge, Ginny Merkel

For the Deceased:

If someone is in need of healing prayers, please call the Rectory at (847) 872-8778 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9AM and 3:30PM. Thank you!

Family Matters—26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

I am reminded of a song that we have used in liturgy through the years. The chorus is *"They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. They will know we are Christians by our love."* These words are a great proclamation. Yet, there have been moments when thinking of this song did not bring us comfort, only disquiet. Family members and friends would not, could not, know us by our love, but only by our impatience, insensitivity, disrespect, or anger. Indeed, we too must repent our sinfulness. It is the key to the Kingdom of God.

In the Hebrew scriptures, true repentance is not merely participation in a public service, it requires a change of heart and behavior. It requires both regret and conversion. In the New Testament, John the Baptist preached repentance and baptism, accompanied with good works. Jesus' call was to repent and believe; and He made a point that His call was not for the righteous, but for the sinner.

"The modern Christian family is often tempted to be discouraged, and is distressed at the growth of its difficulties...indeed, the families of today must be called back to their original position. They must follow Christ."
John Paul II, On The Family —Francis and Char McFarlin and Family—Family Ministry

